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MEMORANDUM FOR

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The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of Interior  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Administrator, National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration  
The Administrator, Environmental Protection  
Agency  
The Chief of Engineers, United States Army

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Committee for Civil Applications  
of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States

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- supply information to civilian agencies so that they may knowledgeably formulate requests and reach compromises between requests and capabilities;
- act as the interface between civilian agencies and intelligence collectors, recognizing that the Director of Central Intelligence will not be involved in judgments concerning civil agency needs or priorities and that collection for this purpose will remain incidental to foreign intelligence collection;
- oversee civilian agency uses of classified photography in a manner designed to avoid any concerns that domestic photographic coverage is being used improperly.

In performing all of the above activities, the Committee will be subject to guidelines established by the President.

2. The committee will be chaired by the representative of the Department of Interior and will consist of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Membership may be expanded at the discretion of the Committee.
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Henry A. Kissinger

  
William E. Colby

James T. Lynn

19 SEP 1975

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James T. Lynn

cc: The Deputy Secretary of State

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*[Signature]*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS  
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT  
AND BUDGET  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

I have completed my initial review of the Report of the Commission on CIA Activities within the United States and Agency comments on its recommendations and believe that it is appropriate to proceed promptly with the implementation of the majority of the Commission recommendations. Toward this objective, I direct the following:

The Director of Central Intelligence should prepare internal CIA regulations and guidelines to carry out the purposes of Commission Recommendations numbered 6, 9-13, 14b, 15b-c, 16-18, 20, 22-25, and 27-28. To the extent practicable, and within the bounds of prudent security, these regulations should be unclassified. The DCI should also review all current CIA regulations and directives for conformity with these recommendations, make such modifications as may be necessary, and, as noted above, provide for their declassification as appropriate.

The Attorney General and the Director of Central Intelligence should prepare and coordinate as necessary the internal procedures and guidelines suggested in Commission Recommendations 6, 14, 18 and 30. These agreed guidelines should, to the extent practicable, be unclassified.

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Director, Office of Management and Budget,

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and the Director of Central Intelligence should prepare a draft directive establishing an interagency committee to oversee the domestic uses of aerial intelligence photography. ✓

The above actions should be completed by August 31. Copies of the resultant directives should be forwarded to the White House for my information. ✓

*Ronald R. Ford*

cc: The Vice President  
The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
Chairman, President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board  
The Counsel to the President

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Executive Secretary  
6 October 1975

Date





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## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240In Reply Refer To:  
ECS-DO-#101  
SCSO 21764

DEC 10 1975

## Memorandum

To: Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
William E. Colby, Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
James T. Lynn, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Establishment of the Committee for Civil Applications  
of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States

I am pleased to form a Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States to perform the activities that are listed in your memorandum of October 3. I have designated Mr. William A. Radlinski, Associate Director, U.S. Geological Survey, as the Department of the Interior representative who, in turn, will serve as Chairman. His immediate backup will be Mr. Roy E. Fordham, Chief, Special Mapping Center, U.S. Geological Survey.

By a copy of this memorandum, I am asking the Secretaries of Defense, Agriculture, and Commerce; the Administrators of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency; and the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, to name their representatives on the Committee and inform me as soon as possible. Upon receipt, Mr. Radlinski will convene the first meeting of the Committee. Its first task will be to draft the performance guidelines for the approval of the President.

It is my understanding that the Committee will deal directly with the Director of Central Intelligence or the Standing Committee on Space Policy.

  
Acting Secretary of the Interior

cc The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Administrator, National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration  
The Administrator, Environmental Protection  
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The Chief of Engineers, United States Army

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Executive Secretary

Date

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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November 25, 1975


## MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

## SUBJECT:

Committee for Civil Applications of  
Classified Overhead Photography of  
the United States

It is requested that the Under Secretary of the Air Force be included as an observer on the Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States.

  
Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

cc: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Under Secretary of the Air Force

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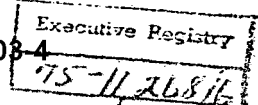
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15 OCT 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Committee for Civil Applications of  
Classified Overhead Photography of  
the United States.

1. The joint memorandum which you reviewed and signed on the above has now been issued. The next action for you to take is to designate your representative to serve ex officio on the Committee and to identify the channel to be used in transmitting requests for such photography from domestic civilian agencies.

2. Both of these functions involve interfaces with the COMIREX, and the appropriate representative is [redacted] as Chairman, COMISIA. This is consistent both with the tasking interface and in dealing with the classification and control questions which are involved. Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the Secretary of Interior advising him of this designation, with copies to Dr. Kissinger and Mr. Lynn as the joint signers of the implementing memorandum. STATINTL

3. I also recommend that the attached memorandum together with a copy of the joint memorandum be circulated to the USIB Principals for their information.

4. The DDI and DDS&T concur in these actions.

STATINTL

[redacted signature box]  
Samuel V. Wilson  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

Attachment

(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE S. 28.1)

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

16 OCT 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Interior

SUBJECT : Committee for Civil Applications of  
Classified Overhead Photography of  
the United States

REFERENCE : Joint Memorandum Establishing the Committee  
for Civil Applications, dated 3 October 1975

I have designated [ ] Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board's Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation, as my representative to receive and act on all requests from the subject Committee for classified overhead photography of the United States, and to serve ex officio on the Committee for the purposes indicated in paragraph 3 of the reference memorandum.

W. E. Colby


W. E. Colby

cc: The Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
Director, Office of Management and  
Budget

SUBJECT: Committee for Civil Applications of  
Classified Overhead Photography of  
the United States


CONCUR:

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

10 Oct 75  
Date

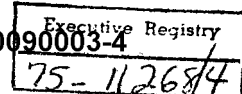
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Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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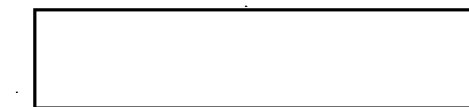
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19 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Jeanne Davis  
Staff Secretary/NSC

Per our several telephone conversations, you will note that the Director has signed the forwarding memorandum to the President, as well as the implementing directive, which are forwarded herewith. Will you please notify Dr. Elliott, and I will leave the remainder in your good hands.

STATINTL



B. C. Evans  
Executive Secretary

Attachments

THE SECRETARY

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B. C. Evans

*I think you are right*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence


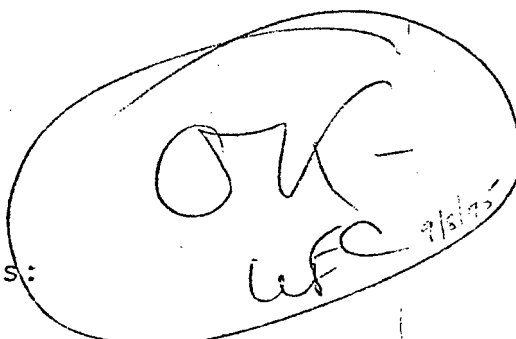
Sir:

1. When you reviewed, at Vermont, the memorandum for multiple addressees, Subject: "Establishment of the Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States" you had some difficulty with part of the third indented paragraph that showed on page 2. It is my recollection that your difficulty was in the fact that the use of the word "improperly", when used in relation to "for example law enforcement" in the memorandum could defeat one of the purposes for which it was designed.

2. DD/S&T has run this back through the National Security Council (NSC) mechanism and there is now attached for your consideration and signature a revised memorandum. As I understand your objection, and as I now read the new indented third paragraph on page 2, the matter is properly resolved.

3. As you may recall, we also pointed out that there should be an additional piece of paper, signed by the same three individuals who are signing the basic document addressed to the President. Only the President can direct Cabinet officers. There is attached, accordingly, at Tab A the previously signed memorandum to the President and the new memorandum on the Subject. For comparative purposes, at Tab B is the original draft with the objectionable language. For your information, Sayre Stevens is the DD/S&T officer who handled this matter with the NSC Staff. STATINTL

Atts:



John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Colby

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Sayre Stevens and I have reviewed this art form with Dr. Elliott, NSC, and Jeanne Davis, respectively. The upshot of the matter is that all agree format is a bit unusual and the President's initial instructions, i.e., draft and give me copies of resultant directives, were ill-advised. An additional factor is that James Lynn has taken the position that he definitely needs to sign the directive; hence, all we have consulted expressed the hope that you, too, will sign so that it will be a three-legged, rather than a two-legged, stool.

STATINTL

  
B. C. Evans

Date 18 September 1975

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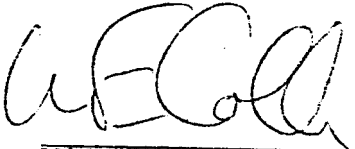
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FORM 101 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT : Establishment of the Committee for Civil  
Applications of Classified Overhead  
Photography of the United States

Attached is a memorandum establishing a Committee for Civil Applications of Classified Overhead Photography of the United States as recommended by the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States. We forward it in response of your memorandum of August 16, 1975 directing the implementation of Recommendation 29, among others, of the Commission.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

William E. Colby

James T. Lynn

19 SEP 1975